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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL LEADER PROJECT ON URBAN TRANSPORTATION,
OCTOBER 28 TO NOVEMBER 27, 1974, IV GRANT NOMINEE
HAMIEH, ADEL F.

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1. REGARDING REFTTEL, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE
MR. ADEL F. HAMIEH FOR AN FY-75 IV GRANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
LEADER PROJECT ON URBAN TRANSPORTATION. 30 DAYS BEGINNING OCT. 28.
2. MR. HAMIEH WAS APPOINTED ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO AS
CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF LEBANESE
RAILWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND AS SUCH PLAYS
A KEY ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MATTERS
IN THE COUNTRY.
3. BY PROFESSION, MR. HAMIEH IS A CIVIL ENGINEER,
HOLDING A BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING IN CIVIL ENGINEERING
FROM THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, BEIRUT, AND A MASTER OF
ENGINEERING IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING FROM THE SAME
UNIVERSITY. HE WAS BORN IN 1940 AND SPEAKS FLUENT
ENGLISH. ALTHOUGH HE HAS PRACTICED AS A CIVIL ENGINEER,
HE HAS MAINTAINED CLOSE UNIVERSITY CONTACTS, BEING A
LECTURER AT THE LEBANESE UNIVERSITY AND SERVING AS PRESIDENT
OF THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY'S ENGINEERING ALUMNI.
4. MR. HAMIEH IS A MEMBER OF THE DRUZE COMMUNITY AND CAN
BE CONSIDERED AS ONE OF THE UP-AND-COMING DRUZE LEADERS.

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HE IS IN MANY RESPECTS AN IDEAL CHOICE BECAUSE HE OCCUPIES

A KEY POSITION IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND ALSO ENJOYS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF POLITICAL BACKING. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT PRESIDENT FRANGIE OF LEBANON WOULD LOOK VERY FAVORABLY ON MR. HAMIEH'S SELECTION.

5. IT IS OUR FURTHER UNDERSTANDING THAT MR. HAMIEH WOULD BE FREE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT ON THE SCHEDULED DATES.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHEN SELECTION WOULD BECOME DEFINITE.

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